

HOUSE RESOLUTION 92

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Erin Bacon on being elected state secretary of the Tennessee FFA.

WHEREAS, organized in 1928 to promote leadership, personal growth, and career success among high school agricultural students, Future Farmers of America (FFA) continues to play an important role in ensuring the growth and prosperity of agriculture in Tennessee and the nation by expertly molding our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve," gives direction and purpose to these future leaders; and

WHEREAS, one such young leader is Erin Mackenzie Bacon, who was recently elected state secretary of the Tennessee FFA for the 2017-2018 term, making her the first ever Tennessee FFA state officer to hail from Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Beth and James Bacon, Erin Bacon is a senior at Jefferson County High School (JCHS) in Dandridge, where she is quite active in her school's FFA program; and

WHEREAS, she has been a member of FFA for two years and is currently serving a term as co-president of the JCHS FFA, as well as FFA state vice president for East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, deftly participating in the FFA at every level, she was recently declared the winner of the Tennessee FFA State Prepared Speaking Contest and will be traveling to Indianapolis, Indiana, in October to represent Tennessee in national competition; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her success with FFA, Erin Bacon excels academically; she is on the JCHS honor roll and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, a diligent student who is ever focused on her future, Erin Bacon will graduate in May, having already amassed eighteen hours of college credit during her high school career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bacon's outstanding ACT score garnered a \$12,000 scholarship, and she also received a \$5,000 scholarship for an essay submission; and

WHEREAS, in the fall, Erin Bacon will attend the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where she has been offered a four-year, \$16,000 scholarship from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; she intends to major in agriculture science with an emphasis on dairy; and

WHEREAS, a bright, goal-oriented young woman, Ms. Bacon would like to pursue her doctorate at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine once she has completed her undergraduate studies; and

WHEREAS, her ultimate career goal is to open her own veterinary practice, specializing in large animal breeds; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bacon is an outstanding young Tennessean, and it is most appropriate that we commend her for her achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and congratulate Erin Mackenzie Bacon on being elected the Tennessee FFA state secretary, extending our best wishes to her for continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.